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In re Patent Application of)
Myun Ki HAN et al) Group Art Unit: 1634
Serial No.: 09/069,847)
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DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID)
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REPLY AND AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action [non-final rejection] mailed on May 27, 1999,
kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel Claims 15 through 63, and substitute the following claims therefor,
without prejudice.

--64. A method for continuously detecting a nucleic acid ligation reaction by
detecting a decrease in fluorescence intensity comprising the following steps:

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contd.